മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഇങ്ങിനെ ശിക്ഷിച്ചതിൽനിന്നു കൂറം വെയ്യുവെന്നുവേണ്ടെ മിക്കവാറും വിചാരിക്കുവാൻ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Did you investigate all these allegations yourself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Yet you have not got the details?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I have got the details but they are not with me at present.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will you please place the details on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Can we not presume that the Hon'ble Member for Engineering at least was convinced that there was a sort of prima facie case?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That is what I was saying.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Was any officer punished?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: No.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: പൊതുമരാമത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ ഏതിൽ നിന്നാണു് ഈ കരിഞ്ചന്ത എപ്പാട നടന്നതെന്നു പറയാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I cannot say definitely that there was black-marketing. There has been a suspicion of contractors missing the cement given to them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What is the extent of work that was entrusted to these contractors in the year 1119?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There was only one case in which there was suspicion. That work was a small repair work of a bridge involving about 100 bags of cement.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ് പണിക്കർ: ഈ കരിഞ്ചന്ത നടത്തി എന്നു സംശയം ജനിച്ചതു പൊതുമരാമത്തു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നോ പഞ്ചായത്തു വകുപ്പിൽനിന്നോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menan *(Chief Engineer)*: That I cannot say.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Has it come to the notice of the Government that when the cynogasing process was going on in Trichur certain quantity of cement, the possession of which was unauthorised, came out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I have no information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to enquire about it?

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member will place such information as he has got on this possession at the disposal of the Government, the Government will make an enquiry.

AMOUNTS SPENT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—TALUK-WAR LIST OF

192. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

a taluk-war list of amounts spent by the Public Works Department last year for (*a*) Irrigation works (*b*) Maintenance and repair of roads (*c*) Construction of new roads and culverts (*d*) Repair of School buildings, and (*e*) School Furniture?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: A Statement with regard to sub-divisions (*a*) to (*d*) is appended *(Please see Appendix)*.

(*e*) The Public Works Department does not spend anything for the purchase of school furniture.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: റോഡുകൾ കേട തീക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി ശരാശരി ഒരു മൈലിനു് ഏറവുമധികം ഉക ചിലവാകുന്നതു എത്രതാളുക്കിലാണു്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: It cannot be taken as a matter of course. It depends upon the traffic and so many other things.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കൽപ്രദേശങ്ങളേക്കാൾ മണൽ പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ റോഡുകൾ നന്നാക്കാൻ കൂടുതൽ ഉക ചിലവാകുകയില്ലേ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I cannot say off-hand. It is all given in the budget estimate of the P.W.D. every year.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിലും തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലുമുള്ള റോഡുകളുടെ തുകെ നീളം എത്ര എന്ന് അറിഞ്ഞാൽകൊള്ളാം.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The number of miles of road in the Trichur Taluk is very much larger than that in the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലെ റോഡുകൾ നന്നാക്കാൻ ഏറ്റവും കൂടുതൽ തുക ചിലവാക്കികാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേകം കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The length of roads in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is very much less than in the other taluks.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കൊച്ചി കണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ ഏറ്റവും കുറവായിട്ടാണ് ചിലവാക്കി കാണുന്നതു്. അതിനുള്ള കാരണമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think that the roads in the Cochin Kanayannur Taluk are in any way inferior to the roads in the other taluks.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: കാറുകളിലല്ലാതെ കാൽനടയായി ഈ റോഡുകളിൽ കൂടി എന്നെങ്കിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have walked through the roads considerably.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അതൊന്നു പരിശോധിക്കാനുള്ള ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engine er):* I have been doing that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the condition of the main public road between Mattancheri and Ernakulam at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* At present it is very much better than what it was before.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is he aware that all the pebbles are loose on the road and the pedestrians and the poor riksha-men cannot use this road on account of these loose pebbles without difficulty?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The member is quite right. As I have been saying in this House many times the amount of traffic that is on that road is too heavy for the nature of the surface it has got. The Government are taking action in putting tar on the road from the Manthara boundary up to the North Station and the work is being done.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattanchert):* Is the Government aware that the road lying within the jurisdiction of the Willingdon Island Administration has alrdady been tarred?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We are going to do the same.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to do the same in the road statting from the Ferry Jetty at Mattancheri and going by the west of the Palace, *i.e.*, the main road to Palluruthi, up to the bridge?

Mr. President: I think the Hon'ble Member should be satisfied with one road at a time.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലുമുള്ള റോഡുകളുടെ നീളം കണക്കാക്കിട്ടാണോ ഈ തുക ചിലവാക്കിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* According to the necessity we are spending money.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* If it is not possible to tar the road will at least some rolling be effected so that the pebbles may be in their places and a little surki put on top of it. Now they are all lying loose. If there is the election they may take it and throw it at one another. (*Laughter*).

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether all the trunk roads in the Trichur town are in the same condition, no matter whether good or bad, or whether any particular road is better or worse than any other road?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The trunk roads are now maintained by the Municipality and the condition of the roads, I may say, is not so very good. But they are of the same condition.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ വഴികൾ നന്നാക്കാൻ അധികം സംഖ്യ ചിലവാക്കി കാണുന്നതു് അവിടെ റോഡുകൾ അധികം ഉള്ളതു കൊണ്ടാണോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The roads in the Trichur Taulk require more expenditure for maintainence on account of the increased traffic.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കൊച്ചികണയന്നൂർ താലൂക്കിൽ റോഡുകൾ വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നുള്ളതു ധരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: I have already stated in the House that the length of the road in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk is very much less than that of the road in the Trichur Taluk.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ജലമാർഗ്ഗമായിട്ടാണ് ഇവിടത്തെ ട്രാഫിക് അധികവും നടക്കുന്നതെന്നു അറിയാമൊ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: പാലാരിവട്ടം മുതൽ എറണാകുളംവരെയുള്ള റോഡിന്റെ വീതി വളരെ കുറവാണെന്നു അറിയാമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Some of the roads are narrow.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: അതു മാത്രമായി വീതി കൂട്ടേണ്ട കാര്യം ആലോചിക്കുമോ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Not only that. Several other roads require widening and we are taking action.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the narrow roads in the Mattancheri bazaar have been widened as promised?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The proposal is under consideration.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to spend some money to improve the roads around Trichur within a radius of three miles?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: That will receive consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether this ferry road is to be maintained by the Government or the Municipality?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): By the Municipality.

OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, ERNAKULAM—WATER SUPPLY TO

193. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam Women)*: Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to have continuous supply of water in the Ohpthalmic Hospital, Ernakulam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

The present connection from the 9″ main is proposed to be substituted by a connection from the 12″ main. This is expected to relieve the scarcity.

HOSPITAL, VADAKKANCHERI—ATTENDANCE OF PATIENTS AND NUMBER OF BEDS IN

194. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average daily attendance of the patients in the Vadakkancheri Hospital in each of the months in the year 1120;

(*b*) what is the total number of beds in the hospital?

Rao Sahib T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Chingam 50·9
Kanni 53·8
Thulam 63·6

(*b*) 32.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the Government will be pleased to do something to relieve the congestion in the inpatient ward?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: It was not very long ago that this dispensary with six beds was converted into a hospital with 32 beds. I admit that in spite of this there is a certain amount of congestion. A maternity ward will be constructed very soon, this will relieve the congestion to a certain extent. Further extensions, I am afraid, will not be possible just now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know when the Chief Medical Officer visited last time?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has the hospital been visited by the Chief Medical Officer within the last three months?

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APPENDIX

(Please see answer to Question No. 192)

Statement of expenditure in 1119 on Irrigation works, roads and buildings

		Rs.	A.	P.
(a) Irrigation works				
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	..	78,481	9	6
Mukundapuram Taluk	..	29,681	4	7
Trichur Taluk	..	1,99,059	8	5
Talappalli Taluk	..	11,651	15	4
Chittur Taluk	..	28,901	8	4
Cranganur	..	1,400	3	0
(b) Maintenance and repair of roads				
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	..	58,490	1	7
Mukundapuram Taluk	..	1,28,501	3	8
Trichur Taluk	..	2,10,157	1	0
Talappalli Taluk (including Special renewals)	..	1,72,604	9	3
Chittur Taluk	..	99,078	4	0
Cranganur Taluk	..	9,554	6	0
(c) Construction of new roads and Culverts				
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	..	4,761	12	9
Mukundapuram Taluk	..	12,221	10	8
Trichur Taluk	..	12,697	12	5
Talappalli Taluk	..	19,790	3	7
Chittur Taluk	..	1,450	0	0
(d) Repair of School Buildings				
Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk	..	1,710	12	0
Mukundapuram Taluk	..	377	1	3
Trichur Taluk	..	12,904	10	2
Talappalli Taluk	..	1,942	7	0
Chittur Taluk	..		Nil	
Cranganur Taluk	..		Nil	

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